



APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
CITY HALL – KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holley called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bretz, Vice Chair
Barry Graham, Commissioner
Paul Holley, Chair
Jyme Sue McLaren, Commissioner
Steven Rosenberg, Commissioner (Arrived at 5:44 P.M.)
Robert Stickles, Commissioner

ABSENT: Pamela Iacovo, Commissioner

STAFF: Emily Appleton, Senior Traffic Engineer
Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Frances Cookson, Staff Representative
Gregory Davies, Senior Transportation Planner
Alan Ruck, Traffic Engineer Analyst

REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

• Approval of Meeting Minutes

Study Session of the Transportation Commission – March 16, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission – March 16, 2017

- **Meeting Minutes of the Path and Trails Subcommittee**

Regular Meeting of the Path and Trails Subcommittee– April 4, 2017

Chairman inquired when Whisper Ridge would be heard at Transportation Commission? It may be on May's Agenda. Commissioner reviewed the Whisper Ridge item.

Commissioner noted the Regional Connectivity presentation from the Town of Gilbert was very informative and well done.

Commissioner reviewed the Wayfinding project, and the financial obligation. Vice-Chair questioned how much work would it be to figure out the cost of work? Mr. Basha advised it's not difficult to get the cost. Mr. Basha explained intent is to spend large sum of money on Indian Bend Wash and Camelback Walk area and then after that replacing signs. Signs will be replaced as needed.

- **Camelback road Variable Speed Limit**

Mr. Basha mentioned this item is at the request of a commissioner. We're glad for the request, as the results are surprising. The Variable Speed Limit signs were installed December 2014 on Camelback Road between Scottsdale and Miller Road. As far as we know the first location in the nation to use them on city streets. We wanted to use them at this location because there is a very distinct change in travel speeds. We anticipated that collisions would decrease, however, they have increased. Commissioner asked if this was a trial period? Mr. Basha explained it was not our intention for this to be a trial period, however, suddenly it has become a trial period and we will re-evaluate. Commissioner questioned any correlation between variable speed and time of year, capacity or traffic volumes. Mr. Basha noted a correlation between volumes and time of year.

A brief discussion was held on pedestrian activity in the area, variable speed limits and possible solutions.

- **Pedestrian Fatality Report (National Governor's Highway Safety Association)**

Mr. Basha advised this is interesting data that we discovered the Friday before the Cactus Path presentation. I found it related to the cactus path and included this information to council.

- **Other Transportation Projects and Programs Status**

Commissioner asked about the status of CIP-Downtown? Mr. Basha confirmed the 2 million Downtown Pedestrian Improvements and advised we are making great progress, we fully expect to use most of the 2 million by June, but not in Old Town. Improvements have begun.

Chairman requested an update on Cactus Path after the City Council Hearing. Cactus Path was heard at City council April 4, 2017. Mr. Basha thanked the commissioners for voting unanimously to recommend Cactus Path remain in the Transportation Master Plan and be constructed. Mr. Basha thanked Chairman Holley for speaking at the City council hearing.

Cactus Path was approved by a vote of 4-3. Council asked us to meet with the neighbors and discuss the design. We are in the process of preparing design exhibit to show the neighborhood. A brief discussion was held on Cactus Path.

- **Announcements**

Paul Basha made the following announcements:

- Mr. Basha introduced Transportation's new employee-Emily Appleton, Senior Traffic Engineer, replacing John Bartlett.
- Mr. Basha suggested cancelling the July meeting. The Commission agreed to cancel the July meeting.
- The June meeting will be at the Traffic Management Center at the North Corporation yard on San Salvador.
- Paths and Trails subcommittee nominations will be May 9, 2017 and appointments will be May 23, 2017, we have three applicants for two positions.
- The Transportation Commission will have two openings in June. Chairman Holley and Commissioner Rosenberg. Commissioner Rosenberg has served one term and can reapply for 2nd term. City Council will nominate June 13 and appoint on June 27, 2017. Currently no applications.
- The City Council appointed a CIP subcommittee. The Chair is Councilman Smith, Councilman Phillips and Councilwoman Korte are on the committee, as well. They meet once a week. Jeff Nichols, City Treasure is the Liaison and Dan Worth, Public Works Director handles most of the presentations. City Council will have the initial budget presentation on April 25, 2017 Council meeting and that includes the CIP.
- City Council will vote on the tentative budget May 23 and June 27, 2017 to adopt the final budget.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Chair Holley adjourned the Study Session at 5:57 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Frances Cookson

Transportation Coordinator

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